

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: A METHOD FOR DETERMINING CONCENTRATION; A DIALYSER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4, 12-19, 23, 25, 26, 28 & 30 as follows:

4. A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein it is a question of a method for determining the ion concentration of blood of a patient in haemo-dialysis and/or haemo-filtration anti-coagulated with citrate, with the ion concentration of the blood being determined on the basis of the determination of the ion concentration in the dialysate and with the complexing of the relevant ion with citrate being prevented before the determination of the ion concentration in the dialysate for the purpose of determining the concentration.

12. A method in accordance with claim 6, wherein the setting of the pH in the dialysate takes place by means of an infusion of acid.

13. A method in accordance with claim 4, wherein the dialysate

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